

A guide to funding instruments for marine research and innovation projects – Compendium for Coast and Sea

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The Compendium for Coast and Sea (www.compendiumcoastandsea.be) was launched for the first time in 2013. It is an integrated knowledge document about the socioeconomic, environmental and institutional aspects of the Coast and Sea in Flanders and Belgium, and is an initiative of the Flanders Marine Institute (VLIZ) in collaboration with a network of marine experts from science, policy, government and civil society organisations. The document aggregates dispersed information and data from Flemish and Belgian marine and maritime research in order to increase the communication within the network of marine experts and to enhance the visibility and accessibility of marine research. The three main chapters of the Compendium concern: Marine Research (Chapter 1), the Use of the Coast and Sea (Chapter 2) and the Marine Science–Policy Interface (Chapter 3). The Compendium for Coast and Sea is published in English and Dutch, and is updated regularly. The next version is scheduled for the end of 2015.

Within the framework of this initiative, associated communication products are being developed such as a guide to funding instruments to finance marine research and innovation projects. This guide provides an overview of relevant European, federal and Flemish funding instruments which specifically refer to marine, maritime, estuarine or coastal subjects. For each instrument a fact sheet (budget, period, previous instruments, target group, etc.) and a short description with special emphasis on the marine focus are given. References to webpages with the ongoing calls, as well as other relevant information (e.g. Flemish or national contact points, etc.) are included as much as possible to allow the user to be informed in more detail. This communication product is specifically aimed at marine researchers and organizations (industry) in the field of marine/maritime innovation.